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Difficulties are the stepping-stones to fame.

Decent diet cures more ills than do doctors.

The silent man behind a cannon speaks loudest.

The oldest and dullest brow may wear the brightest jewel.

Zoological note: Down on Cape Cod they are making the sand fly.

There is no alloy in the pleasure of those who give joy to little children. It is 24 karats fine.

A Massachusetts doctor says he bleeds his patients just as he did 60 years ago. Maybe, but not the same ones.

Somebody has discovered that there are 44 roads which lead to hell. It is probable that they are all finally paved at the start.

If Count Boni would really reform and go into politics it would be an uplift that might well cause the Gould family to take a second look at him.

Str Thomas Lipton is evidently nibbling at the America's cup bait, but will he bite? Defeated he has a tendency to grow monotonous.

"What the Human Race Owe to the Moon" is the title of a current magazine article. We fear Luna is going to have trouble collecting.

"Necessity cannot be pleaded or dismissed," says the Baltimore American. Go on—didn't you ever need a new suit of clothes and have to forget it?

The "Esperanto" wait has arrived. It is probably intended to enable the waiters to say something more than "Is the music lovely?" or "What a splendid floor this is!"

New York barbers are threatening to refuse to cut the hair of men who shave themselves. Girls who are anxious to get married should make haste to learn the hair-cutting business.

According to the Washington Post, "an English scientist claims to have discovered that Darwin was wrong when he said men were descended from monkeys." Now let that "scientist" read Darwin, and he can make the further discovery that Darwin didn't say it.

A Washington paper prints a story of a man who went fishing, and in swinging his line through the air preparatory to casting caught an English sparrow, and tops this with a tale of another disciple of Isaac Walton, whose catch was so large that it pulled him overboard.

"Billy" Edwards, the famous old-time pugilist who in 1858 won the last lightweight bareknuckle fight for the championship, has just died, leaving a fortune and an unblemished reputation for honesty and decent behavior." The question arises, how in the world did Mr. Edwards get into such a calling?

It has been discovered by an English statistician that it requires \$37,000 to raise a society girl. This amount must be put down as having been expended on "art for art's sake," as the most a society girl usually accomplishes is to win an impoverished nobleman, who simply adds to the expense.

An Egyptian sun temple and a city that has been lost for 3,500 years have been located by Prof. James H. Breasted, of the University of Chicago. It is the temple of Sesostris, founded by Amenhotep IV. The city is situated in the heart of the almost inaccessible district of Nubia, near the foot of the third cataract on the Nile.

Bands have been playing the "Marsellaise" in Strasbourg this summer for the first time since Germany took possession of Alsace and Lorraine after the Franco-Prussian war. A German from Berlin, visiting Strasbourg, wrote the other day to a home paper about the "redskins" but no one else seems to be seriously disturbed over the matter.

The barrel top is still a strong vantage ground in the down east country store. No greater victory was ever gained upon that eminence than that reported in a Maine paper where the storekeeper had a gift barrel placed for a regular visitor. The latter took the place, but was able to disengage himself and resume his seat upon an open barrel of small apples, whence he soon departed carrying a goodly quantity of useful hardware.

Last month the foundation-stone of the "Peace Palace" was laid at The Hague. Mr. Carnegie, who gives the building, thinks it would be more appropriately called "The Temple of Peace." Ideas are enshrined in temples, seldom in palaces.

It sounds well for an inventor to say that he has harnessed the sun, but has he asked the sun's permission? In these days, when we split hairs over the consent of the governed, a thing like that should not be overlooked.

Commander Peary, just before he sailed for the north, bought of the Maine people, who owned her, an ancient plucky, or pointed-stem schooner. He will have the vessel restored, in an attempt to perpetuate a type once famous in the fisheries and coastwise trade, but now almost extinct.

No doubt the world is small, yet few of us know much about what is on the other side of it. An English paper, in paying tribute to Mark Twain, calls one of his books, "Life on the Mississippi."

"Literary work is conducive to long life in women," says the London Chronicle. England's own Ouida, remarks the Atlanta Constitution, is a pathetic proof that authors sometimes live too long.

Says Dr. Irwin, state health officer of Louisiana: "A fly walking across a piece of salt can do more harm than a wasp stinging over food on a dinner table." And furthermore, the business doesn't act that way, anyhow.

A famous character is so rare as a Hawaiian diamond.

SUITOR IS FOILED

GIRL FORCED TO ALTAR UNDER THREAT OF DEATH.

NEROISM OF CLERGYMAN SAVES HER

Suddenly Breaking Down in Middle of Marriage Ceremony She Tells Her Story.

New York.—A thrilling story of how a frantic suitor, armed with a revolver, forced Miss Belle Crouse of Stanhope, N. J., to go with him from Ocean Grove to Asbury Park to be married under threat of murder, has been revealed by the girl's father, Rev. H. P. Crouse, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

The heroism of a brother clergyman in the middle of the marriage ceremony saved the minister's daughter from harm.

The man in the case, who was driven almost to insanity through his love for the beautiful 22-year-old girl, is Percy C. Bissell of Stanhope. For years the man wooed the young woman, but she evinced no inclination to regard him as more than a friend. The first time he asked her to marry him she curtly refused.

In desperation, Rev. Crouse took his family a short time ago to an Ocean Grove hotel, where he felt sure they would be unmolested by Bissell, as he apparently had no means of discovering just where the Crouses had gone.

Bissell arrived in Ocean Grove shortly after. It was only a few hours later when he saw the woman he had sworn to make his wife walking blithely towards her hotel. Bissell walked up to her brusquely, and said:

"You've got to marry me or I'll kill you."

Miss Crouse did not scream, for Bissell quickly warned her not to do so if she valued her life, at the same time pulling out a revolver.

"You come with me in a carriage to Asbury Park, and become my wife, or I'll kill you at once. I'll shoot you if you raise an outcry."

The girl, sharp of mind, saw death would result from refusal, and complied. Bissell calmly called a carriage and the party was driven to Asbury Park to the home of Rev. G. N. Griffin, pastor of the First M. E. church. Suddenly, just before the clergyman was half through the solemn function, the girl broke down, and in a few hurried, half-coherent words, she blurted out the story.

CLERGYMAN'S DAUGHTER JILTED

Rich Pennsylvania Man Sued For \$50,000 Breach of Promise.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Miss Mercedes Gladden, daughter of Rev. W. H. Gladden, a minister of the Methodist Protestant church at Youngstown, O., has entered suit in the courts at Uniontown, Pa., against I. C. Smutz, a wealthy business man of New Haven, Pa., charging him with breach of promise to marry and demanding \$50,000 damages.

In her suit Miss Gladden declares that while she was a resident of Uniontown, where her father was pastor of a church, she was courted by Smutz and promised to marry him. The day of the wedding was set for Sept. 11. She declares that she prepared her trousseau, that many presents arrived, and that guests had assembled for the ceremony she received a note from Smutz, saying that it would be impossible for him to be present. She says that since that she has received no word from him.

CLERK BLAMES LOAN SHARKS.

Alleged to Have Confessed Passing Many Bogus Checks.

Chicago.—Thomas Moss, aged 26, employed by John R. Walsh as a confidential clerk in the Chicago National bank prior to the failure of that institution, has been arrested on the charge of attempting to pass a bogus check for \$10 at the Union Stock Yards State bank.

Moss is alleged by the police to have admitted that he has passed a number of fraudulent checks on downtown banks and other places, ascribing his downfall to loan sharks.

Japanese Spies Arrested.

St. Petersburg.—A dispatch from Vladivostok states that during the military maneuvers at Hedenka, officers belonging to the Japanese general staff were arrested and were found to be in possession of maps and plans. Japan, the dispatch says, has demanded their immediate release.

Doctor Stabs Himself.

Iowa City, Ia.—Fearing an attempt was being made to return him to an asylum for the insane, where he had lately been a patient, Dr. Landis H. Getz, formerly a professor in the College of Physicians and Surgeons in St. Louis, drove a knife blade into his breast here and may die.

Boy Murderers Get Life Terms.

Eaton, Ga.—The jury in the case of Porter and Reed Jones, charged with the murder of Robert F. Adams, brought in a verdict of guilty, with a recommendation to mercy. Judge Lewis sentenced both boys to life imprisonment.

Former Slave Lives to Old Age.

Elkton, Md.—Geo. W. Harris, a former slave, died near Rowlandsville, at the age of 113 years. Harris' maternal grandmother was 117 years old when she died.

Shell Explosion Kills Five.

Wilhelmshaven, Germany.—Five men were killed and four men and two women were injured through the explosion here of a shrapnel shell while a quantity of ammunition was being unloaded in the artillery depot.

Aoki to Return to Washington.

Tokio.—The foreign office has decided that Ambassador Aoki shall remain at Washington. Baron Tsudzuki, now representing Japan at The Hague conference, will succeed Ambassador Inouye at Berlin.

Baptists Would Punish Lynchers.

Palmyra, Neb.—The State Baptist association passed resolutions condemning the recent lynching of the murderer, Higgins, at Bancroft and calling upon Governor Sheldon and Attorney General Thompson to punish the mob guilty of the crime.

Peruvian Company Buys Dock.

Lima, Peru.—A Peruvian company has contracted with a firm at New Castle-on-Tyne, Eng., for a floating dock having a capacity of 2,000 tons.

BREAK BONES

TO EFFECT CURE

HELPLESS ZION CITY PATIENT.

MRS. LETITIA GREENHAUGH DIES FROM TORTURE.

SEEK TO DRIVE OUT DEMONS

Alleged Conspirators Arrested On Murder Charge After Coroner Views Body and Hears Weird Story of Her Death.

Chicago.—Mrs. Letitia Greenhaugh, 64 years old, 2900 Gabriel avenue, Zion City, a follower of the new religious sect, "the Palamites," was tortured to death, her arms, legs and neck being fractured in an effort to cast out demons so that she might recover from rheumatism.

Five persons are now under arrest at Zion City. They are charged with manslaughter.

The details of this case surpass any of the tragedies which have occurred in Chicago and Zion City as a result of religious fanaticism since Dr. John Alexander Dowd set up his first tent in Chicago in world's fair times.

The husband of the old woman was not held. He was excluded from the room in which the "ceremony" was performed, and had no opportunity to interfere. This man has been in a state of nervous collapse since he learned what occurred in the torture chamber.

The son of the victim testified to the coroner as follows:

"My mother had been suffering from rheumatism for 20 years. For some months she had received no treatment. Her arms and legs were crooked and twisted by the disease, and she was helpless. We wanted to do something for her. We did not know what to do."

"Our belief is that when one is sick it is because of the demons which beset you. We must start work at once. I gave Mitchell \$300. Not for the ceremony he performed, but because Gold told me to do it."

"What was the ceremony you mention?" asked the coroner.

"We went into mother's rooms and told her that the ceremony was to be held. She said nothing. Mitchell took her by one hand and pulled it away from her body. She screamed terribly. I did not know what to do. I jumped forward, but Mitchell held me back. Mitchell put his hand over my mother's mouth. He choked off her cries. He stopped her."

"What are you doing?" I cried. "Don't hurt her."

"He looked at me, and then said: 'Of course I shall not hurt her. Those cries are not her cries. That is the screaming of the demons and devils as they leave her. She is all right.'"

Heard Bones Break.

"It was hard for me to believe, but I waited. He then stepped back from beside mother and made some strange motions, like a hypnotist. He said many strange things. The light was drawn near. Mother moaned. Sister and I could hardly bear it."

"Then Mitchell and his wife again drew near the body. They took her arms and pulled them out straight. There was a cracking sound. I found out afterwards they broke the bones. They did the same with her legs. They pulled at her head. They pinched and worked with her flesh. She groaned and cried out. That, he said, was the demons leaving her body. She would be all right, he said, again."

After looking at me, she said: 'I was in hell; I am in Heaven now.' 'I took heart. I thought she meant that she was getting better. I believed that God was helping her. When she said this they started work with a renewed vigor. I again became frightened because of that awful look of pain in her face. I asked them to stop."

Mother Begged for Help.

"My mother cried out to God. She begged to him for help. She said: 'Oh, Lord, help me. Again I begged them to be careful. Mitchell told me not to be afraid; that she was getting better; that she was helping by praying to God. Then they began work on her hip. As they worked I saw blood there. I was frightened. I demanded of Mitchell what he meant."

"At this moment mother seemed seized with a wonderful strength. She struggled and fought, although her arms and legs were broken, and they took her by the head. The next moment she fell back. There was no more struggle."

LANDIS SPEAKS TO VETERANS.

Chicago Judge Tells Ohioans That It Is Easy to Do Right.

Hamilton, O.—Judge Keneaw M. Landis of Chicago, who was born here, spoke at the annual reunion of the Thirty-fifth Ohio regiment, of which his father, Dr. Abram Landis, was surgeon. His brothers, Congressman Charles B. Landis of Indiana and Dr. John Landis of Cincinnati, were present. Judge Landis was given an ovation and promised to attend every year hereafter.

Safe Blowers Get \$1,000 Gold.

Sulligent, Ala.—Crackmen made a raid on Vernon, Ala., blew open the safe in Thomas Guyton's store and got over \$1,000 in gold. They also cracked the safe of J. A. Cobb, another merchant, and secured \$50 in cash and \$6,000 worth of valuable papers.

Will Organize a Church Army.

Indianapolis.—The Supreme lodge of the Knights and Ladies of Honor changed the by-laws of the order by taking away the right of social members to vote on the admission of candidates to the relief fund branch.

Joe Is on Houston, Tex.

Los Angeles, Cal.—The American Association of Press Honorists, which has been holding its annual convention in Los Angeles, close Houston, Tex., as the place for the meeting next year.

Two Killed in Wreck.

Toledo, O.—A westbound limited car on the Lake Shore Electric ran into an open switch at Haystack, two miles east of here, killing two men and injuring 25 passengers. Conductor Burns was crushed to death, as was an unidentified man.

Poisoner Causes Terror.

Pittsburg, Pa.—A mysterious poisoner, probably afflicted with a mania for taking life, is causing terror among families in the neighborhood at Gerst Alley, Allegheny.

BRYAN IS READY

WILL ANNOUNCE CANDIDACY AND OUTLINE PLATFORM.

SAYS HE YIELDS TO POPULAR VOICE

Demand for Government Ownership Likely to Be Indefinitely Deferred.

Washington.—The most important piece of political news of the season has just reached Washington to the effect that William J. Bryan will, within a few weeks, issue a statement announcing his candidacy for the democratic presidential nomination next year and submit an outline of the platform upon which he will run if his party wants him to make the race.

This information was brought to the capital by close friends of Mr. Bryan, who recently have conferred with him regarding the approaching presidential campaign. Another and more formal conference between Mr. Bryan and some of his most trusted advisers from various sections of the country, for the purpose of deciding upon details respecting the course to be pursued by the Nebraskaan, originally was scheduled for the 15th of the present month.

For some reason, however, this conference has been postponed. But it is stated that Mr. Bryan's statement will be issued early in October, and that it will supply material from which democratic calculations and maneuvers will be constructed throughout the period of the campaign.

There is no positive information at hand as to the important principles or policies which Mr. Bryan will put forth as his platform. It is assumed that he will make reference to the initiative and referendum, but whether the reference will be in the nature of demanding the full consummation of that idea at the present time must remain a matter of conjecture until the Nebraskaan has spoken.

Undoubtedly reference also will be made to the question of government ownership, but from information available it is safe to say that no demand in favor of the immediate absorption of public utility corporations (primarily the railroads) will be exploited.

The Bryan belief that government ownership eventually will prove the only solution of the railroad problem may be enunciated with the qualification that the time for the change has not yet arrived. In other words, it may be sought to have it appear that government ownership is not to be an issue next year.

Tariff revision, federal versus state control, the centralization of power and various other matters that have occupied the attention of Mr. Bryan recently, and which are familiar to those who follow his teachings, will receive special treatment.

DEAD FISH STREW COAST.

Yucatan Believes There Has Been Great Submarine Upheaval.

New York.—The following telegram from Progreso, Yucatan, Mex., has been received here:

"The entire Yucatan coast 10 miles seaward is strewn with dead fish, presumably from a submarine eruption. Please advise cause if known."

No report of an earthquake anywhere has been sent out from Washington since September 2. The seismograph then proclaimed that, where it was, that was a hard one, but it was several days before the tremor could be run down. Finally the report of the creation of new island in the Aleutians, accompanied by severe earth shocks, came from Alaska.

The severe earthquake that affected all the Mexican borders of the Gulf of Mexico on April 15 last, was accompanied by a tidal wave and the killing of great quantities of fish.

TWO BREAK FROM INDIANA JAIL.

File Bars of Cell and Make Rope of Bedding.

Rensselaer, Ind.—Frank Biddle, held for homicide, and John McCoy, held on a murder charge, escaped from the Jasper county jail here, and have not been apprehended. They made their escape by filing the cell bars and lowering themselves by means of bed clothing. The escape occurred between midnight and 4 o'clock.

Turret Commission Reports.

Washington.—The special board appointed to devise means of reducing the chances of fatal accidents in the turrets of warships completed its work and submitted its report to Secretary Metcalf, who has taken it under consideration before making any portion of it public.

Beveridge Start for Home.

Paris.—Senator Beveridge of Indiana and Mrs. Beveridge sailed from Cherbourg for New York on board the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm II.

Mexico Buys Railroad.

Mexico City.—The Mexican government is said to have acquired a controlling interest in the Pan-American railway through the purchase of stock. The report comes from an authentic source, although it has not yet received confirmation.

Washington Regime Re-established.

Washington.—Minister Ugarte of Honduras has informed the department of state that on Sept. 15 the constitutional regime was re-established in the republic of Honduras.

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Miners Aid Telegraphers.

Boyer.—At a meeting of Local Union No. 219, U. M. W. of A., President George Frame announced that the miners' union gave \$50 to aid the telegraph operators who are out on strike. At the same meeting Ben S. Tanner and J. E. Roberts were elected delegates to the State Federation.

Five Bitten by Mad Dog.

Windsor.—Five members of the family of John Turner, a farmer south of this town, were bitten by a dog affected with rabies. A madstone is being used to counteract the poison.

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Springfield.—George Cook, a negro drayman, was fined \$5,200 by Judge Loomis in the circuit court here for violating the Sunday closing law.

NEWS OF MISSOURI

Milk Below the Standard.

Moberly.—D. A. Chapman, state dairy inspector; Dan Johnson, state food inspector, and L. E. Cline, analyzer, members of the state board of dairy and food inspectors, were in this city on a tour of inspection of the products of the dairies of Moberly. In their written statement they say that they found conditions here very bad; that in some cases the milk was found to be unclean, and that more water is used in the milk here than in any town of its size they have so far inspected.

Drury Siege Ends.

Springfield.—Prof. J. M. Weaver, deposed head of Drury academy, has at last vacated his quarters in the boys' dormitory, held by himself and family against the wishes of the board of trustees. Prof. Weaver contended that under the terms of his contract he was to pay for another year and demanded \$1,000. It is said he was given \$500 and the matter compromised. He has gone to Wheaton, Ill.

U. C. V. Commander Elected.

Pulaski.—Z. H. Lowmiller of Joplin was elected major general of the Missouri division of the United Confederate Veterans at the close of the 1907 reunion of the "boys" who donned the gray, to recite fond reminiscences of the days of iron and powder. W. C. Gibson of Warrensburg was elected brigadier general of the eastern brigade, and O. H. C. Corcoran of West Plains, Mo., brigadier general of the western brigade.

Legislative Office Vacant.

Kirkville.—Dr. F. P. Young, for many years demonstrator of anatomy and otopathic surgery in the American School of Osteopathy here, has resigned his position to become a member of the faculty of the Still School of Osteopathy at Des Moines, Ia. He was the republican representative from Adams county in the state legislature, and his departure necessarily creates a vacancy in that body.

County Attorneys May Meet.

Millan.—Prosecuting Attorney E. F. Nelson of Sullivan county sent letters to the prosecuting attorneys of all counties in the state that have adopted the local-option law, suggesting that a convention be held for the consideration of the best methods of enforcing this law. Nelson's idea is to have a meeting of prosecuting attorneys at some central point, probably Jefferson City.

Murderer Gets 20 Years.

Cassville.—After two hours' deliberation, a jury in the circuit court here returned a verdict of guilty in the trial of Harry Burke, charged with the murder of Marion Thomas, an aged Mo. farmer. Burke's sentence was fixed at 20 years in the Missouri penitentiary. Burke was formerly a bartender at Monett. He assigns his downfall to liquor.

After Joplin Dynamiters.

Joplin.—Five hundred citizens responded to Mayor J. F. Osborne's call for a mass indignation meeting to raise funds to assist in the search for the persons who wrecked the new paper plant of the Joplin News-Herald with dynamite. A fund of \$670 was contributed to institute the preliminary search for the perpetrators.

Kansas City Grocer Dies.

Kansas City.—Clarence J. Fletcher, president and secretary of the Fletcher Grocery Co. of this city, died of peritonitis, aged 44 years. Mr. Fletcher had been a prominent merchant of this city for many years. Before coming here he was in the grocery business in St. Joseph, Mo.

Train Rolls Down Embankment.

Elkhart.—A freight train was wrecked here by running over a switch point that had been broken by the train that previously left the siding. The engine and tender rolled down the embankment. The engineer and fireman escaped. Traffic was delayed for several hours.

Doctor After "Spitters."

Trenton.—Because the anti-spitting ordinance passed two years ago is not enforced, the president of Trenton's board of health, Dr. S. Sheldon, has filed charges against the city marshal.

Folk Appoints Slavin.

Jefferson City.—The governor appointed James Slavin judge of the Northern district of the county court of Schuyler county, vice James R. Buford, resigned.

Accepts Call to Marshall Church.

Marshall.—Rev. J. G. Pardee of Vandalla has accepted a call from the First Baptist church of this city and will begin his labors here the third Sunday in October.

To Bet on Race, He Says.

Jefferson City.—Lieut. Gov. McKinley received a letter from Kansas City, signed "H. Leonard," in which the writer stated that the Elmridge race track of that city would attempt to ignore the law prohibiting book making and pool selling on racing events.

Missouri Pioneer Dies.

Beverly.—A. C. Riesler, aged 63 years, a pioneer citizen of this county, having a farm near here, died after a lingering illness of several months. He leaves a wife and several children.

Package Rate Established.

Jefferson City.—The railroad and warehouse commission issued an order to become effective Oct. 1, providing that in the shipment of small freight packages, where the maximum rate would come under 25c, the latter sum must be charged.

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PROPRIETARY REMEDIES VS. PHYSICIANS' PRESCRIPTIONS

Statistics Show, of the Deaths from Misuse of Drugs in Two Years, Only Three Per Cent. Were Due to Patent Medicines, According to Figures Based on Medical Certificates.

The press committee of the Proprietary Association of America will present at the next meeting of that body a report showing the number of accidental deaths caused by patent medicines in the two years ending June 30, 1907, as compared with deaths from other causes.

Almost immediately after the beginning of the latest crusade against proprietary medicines this committee was instructed to collect data. This work was done through the clipping bureaus, which furnished accounts of all deaths, exclusive of suicide, due to the misuse of medicines, drugs or poisons. The result showed that only three per cent. could be traced directly to the products made by the members of the association.

The greatest care is said to have been exercised in tabulating the figures received. Whenever the cause of death was doubtful, special investigation was made, no matter where the case might have occurred. The work of ascertaining and preparing the report was done in Chicago, and the original clippings and correspondence are in the possession of Ervin F. Kemp, 184 La Salle street, that city, the association's publicity agent. The report says, in part:

"A large number of accidents, resulting fatally or otherwise, were caused by the carelessness of persons who took drugs, medicines or poisons within the reach of children. A large number, also, were caused by persons going to medicine cabinets in the dark and taking down the wrong bottle. In no case reported was any medicine, patent or otherwise, held responsible for injury or death except when left within the reach of children or taken or administered in gross overdose."

The committee says that it is unlikely that any cases of death from the newspapers, but that it is probable that death from the causes tabulated did occur without receiving publicity. Physicians, of course, report the causes of death. The committee says that they would be the last to suppress the cause if due to the use of medicine not regularly prescribed.

A recapitulation of the committee's findings show 4,295 cases of poisoning, of which 1,753 were fatal